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94th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/835) [118]

The General Assembly took note of the information contained in the letter from the Secretary-General (A/53/835) that 40 Member States were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda, and organization of work: fourth report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.3) [8]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of the current session the item entitled "Observer status for the Customs Cooperation Council in the General Assembly" and it decided to consider this additional item directly in plenary meeting.

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/440/Add.1) [16 (a)]

The General Assembly was reminded that, at its 43rd plenary meeting on 26 October 1998, the General Assembly had elected six members to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 and that there remained one vacancy from among the Western European and Other States from a previous session, as well as one vacancy from among the African States for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2001.

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the African States corresponded to the number of seats to be filled, the Comoros was declared elected a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term beginning on 18 February 1999 and expiring on 31 December 2001.

In view of the remaining vacancy to be filled from among the Western European and other States, the Assembly decided to retain sub-item (a) of agenda item 16 on the agenda of the fifty-third session.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 16.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1999/33 (PART II)).

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

(h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the President of the General Assembly (A/53/110)

The General Assembly appointed Mr. Sumihiro Kuyama (Japan) as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000 and expiring on 31 December 2004.

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/799)

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, confirmed the extension of the appointment of Mr. Rubens Ricupero as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for a term of office of four years, beginning on 15 September 1999 and ending on 14 September 2003.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada, Japan and the United States), Germany (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria,Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Russian Federation and China.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: appointment of a member of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/RES/53/104) [152]

The General Assembly was reminded that, at its 83rd plenary meeting on 8 December 1998, the General Assembly had adopted resolution 53/104 whereby, inter alia, it had decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country by four members, including one each from Asian, African, Eastern European and Latin America and Caribbean States, to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the regional groups.

The Assembly took note of the appointments by the President of the General Assembly of Cuba, Hungary and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya as members of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

The Assembly was informed that there remained one appointment to be made from among the Asian States.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 152.

Strengthening of the United Nations system: draft resolution (A/53/L.74) [58]

The Assembly decided to postpone consideration of this item to a later date.

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